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# United Nations disarmament fellowship training and advisory services

*The General Assembly*,

*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme,[1]

*Recalling* its decision contained in paragraph 108 of the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly, the First Special Session devoted to disarmament, to establish a programme of fellowships on disarmament, as well as its decisions contained in annex IV to the concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly, the Second Special Session devoted to disarmament, in which it decided, *inter alia*, to continue the programme,

*Noting* with satisfaction that the programme has already trained an appreciable number of public officials selected from geographical regions represented in the United Nations system, most of whom are now in positions of responsibility in the field of disarmament affairs in their respective countries or Governments,

*Recalling* all the annual resolutions on the matter since the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in 1988, including resolution 50/71 A of 12 December 1995,

[1] A/53/426.

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*Noting* with satisfaction that the programme is observing in 1998 its twentieth anniversary and, as designed, continues to enable an increased number of public officials, in particular from the developing countries, to acquire more expertise in the sphere of disarmament,

*Believing* that the forms of assistance available to Member States, in particular to developing countries, under the programme will enhance the capabilities of their officials to follow on-going deliberations and negotiations on disarmament, both bilateral and multilateral,

1. *Reaffirms* its decision contained in annex IV to the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly and the report of the Secretary-General approved by the Assembly in its resolution 33/71 E of 14 December 1978;

2. *Expresses* its appreciation to the Governments of Germany and Japan for inviting the 1997 and 1998 fellows to study selected activities in the field of disarmament, thereby contributing to the fulfilment of the overall objectives of the programme;

3. *Commends* the Secretary-General for the diligence with which the programme has continued to be carried out;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to implement annually the Geneva-based programme within existing resources and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled "United Nations Disarmament Fellowship, Training and Advisory Services".